



December 22, 2004

Rorie Skei
Chief Deputy Executive Officer
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority
Ramirez Canyon Park
5810 Ramirez Canyon Road
Malibu, California 90265

Dear Ms. Skei:

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, on behalf of the Fourth Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County, requests that the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority assign the right to apply for \$200,000 of Proposition A Excess Funds to the City of Long Beach. Funding for the City's project would come from Specified Excess Funds designated for projects along the Los Angeles River.

The City of Long Beach has requested the funds for its Drake-Chavez Greenbelt Park Project to create a 24-acre greenbelt linking Drake and Cesar E. Chavez Parks along the east side of the Los Angeles River in Long Beach. When completed, the larger park will consist of passive play areas, native plantings, open turf space, wetlands and other native habitat along the river. The park will also include trail heads to provide recreational access to the Los Angeles River trail system. Further, an existing building at 620 San Francisco Avenue will house an environmental education center. The \$200,000 of Proposition A Excess Funds would be used for the acquisition of one of several parcels of land needed for the Drake-Chavez Greenbelt Park.

Upon receipt of a resolution from the Authority's Board of Directors authorizing the assignment of the funds and action by the Open Space District's Board of Directors approving the \$200,000 allocation, the Open Space District will then be able to accept a project application from the City of Long Beach.

On behalf of the Fourth Supervisorial District and the City of Long Beach, please accept our gratitude for your support for this project and your offer to help make the Proposition A funding possible. Please let me know if you need any further information and don't hesitate to contact me at (213) 738-2985.

Sincerely,

Lena Volkmann

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Interim Administrator

c: Erin Stibal, Deputy
Fourth Supervisorial District